

## MISSION

**Be a Mentor!** Alexandria Mentoring Partnership is seeking mentors for Alexandria's youth once a week, for one year. Mentoring is proven to help decrease the risk of crime, drug abuse, gang involvement, teen pregnancy and poor school performance -mentored youth are 60% more likely to graduate. On Tues., July 20 there will be a dockside reception from 6:30-7:30 followed by a Potomac River Cruise from 7:30-8:30 (space limited). For more information or to RSVP, contact Lorelei Coyle at [loralei.coyle@alexandriava.gov](mailto:loralei.coyle@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-4506. Mentor a child, change two lives.

**Back-to-School Backpacks:** Once again this year, the Deacons are leading a drive to provide backpacks for needy children when school starts this fall. The backpacks will be filled with lots of back-to-school supplies. Last year, we packed and sent 36 backpacks to Northern Virginia Family Services. The Deacons -- with backpacks in hand -- will be collecting contributions (cash or check) today and next Sunday, July 18, after Sunday worship. For more information, please contact Jeff Mulvihill at [monijeff@cox.net](mailto:monijeff@cox.net) or 703-799-3480.

**Youth Service Week Update:** From June 28-July 2, about 10 youth participated in a week of local service including painting the 2nd floor hallway in the education building, serving at Food and Friends, and collecting food for ALIVE! Great job, team!

**Ongoing food drive for the ALIVE food pantry:** Please make bringing a non-perishable food donation a part of your Sunday routine. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex or the church office. The Youth collected about 600 cans during service week.

## FELLOWSHIP, STUDY AND PRAYER

**First Sundays with the Stephen Ministers:** Many of us struggle to find peace and meaning in our lives, especially during difficult and sad times. Stephen Ministers hosts an informal time of fellowship on the first Sunday of each month following the 10 am services in the Elliot House parlor and welcomes all who would like a willing listener. If you would like more information or would like to arrange to meet privately with a Stephen Minister, call Susan Grandy at 703-780-4134 or 703-299-4749.

## FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

### Duty Elder:

Judi Elmore

### Greeting Deacon:

Carolyn Wilder

### Ushers:

Art Leigh (Captain)

Bonnie Leigh

Laura Cassidy

Marilyn Stegman

### Flower Arrangers:

Denise Ferguson

Betsy Micklem

### Sound:

Rich Walker

## STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr.

*Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Ann E. Herlin

*Associate Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. Joyce Mercer

*Parish Associate*

Ms Sarah Palsma

*Seminary Intern*

Mrs. Priscilla Andre-Colton, CCE

*Director of Christian Education*

Mr. Samuel Baker

*Director of Music and Organist*

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The National Capital Presbytery

Website: [thepresbytery.org](http://thepresbytery.org)

## WELCOME TO THE MEETING HOUSE

**We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors** and invite you to consider membership in our congregation. After the service, please pick up a Meeting House mug with information about the Meeting House. We invite you to join us for any of the many opportunities listed in the bulletin insert.

**Service Schedule:** During the summer, there is one morning service at 10:00 am. On Sundays in July, there is also an informal evening service at 6:30 pm in Heritage Hall. Childcare available for both services.

**Childcare** is provided for infants through 4-year olds in the Education Building. Silent pagers are available for parents in case our nursery staff needs to reach you. If your child becomes restless and needs to leave the sanctuary, an usher can direct you to our child care facilities.

**Individual listening devices are available** on the desk in the narthex. Please turn them off as you return them after worship.

**Large print bulletins and hymnals are available** from an usher.

**Audio and video tapes** of services are available in the office. Podcasts of the Scripture readings and sermons can be found on the website.

**Restrooms** are available down the stairs from the narthex. Handicapped accessible restrooms are in the Elliot House.

**Our parking lot** is located on the 400 block of South Royal Street, not next door to the sanctuary. For information about additional parking options, see the flyer in the friendship pad.

**Today Lemonade on the Lawn** is hosted by the Education ministry. Please join us for fellowship in the churchyard behind the sanctuary following the worship service.

**Art work** on Meeting House coffee mugs and on the front of the bulletin is by Meeting House member, Betty Heiby.

## REMEMBRANCES

**The flowers today** are given to the glory of God by the Helen and James Cox Memorial Fund.

## PRAYER CONCERNS – JULY 11, 2010

**Our prayers are with those in the military and other government services who are currently deployed.** In the Middle East: Michael Woodgerd. In Iraq: Michael DeWoody and Paul Caruso. In Afghanistan: Vince Cobb.

**We give thanks for the safe return of** Jason Brezler from Afghanistan.

**Our prayers are newly offered for** Mary McElveen's uncle, David Riedel, her aunt, Susan Henshaw, and friends Pat Ulrich and Carolyn Townsley; Geoff Marin's uncle Dale Perry; and Alice Tewell's friend's father, Mr. Hsu.

**Our prayers continue for** Bill Sengel; Shirley Harris; Sally Laha's father, M.L. Schield; Susan Thomas' daughter, Jennifer Sill; Jean Rood; and Mariellyn Peake.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Summer Evening Worship** themed *Living Our Faith* continues on Sundays in July, in Heritage Hall at 6:30 pm. Casual dress encouraged! Childcare available. Our college students are helping with today's service, and Juli Smith will be giving the meditation. Come for a time of contemporary worship with fellowship to follow.

**Summer Office Hours:** On Fridays through September 3, the office will be open from 8:15 am - 1:00 pm. Monday through Thursday hours will remain the same (8:15 am - 4:15 pm).

**Please keep our West Virginia mission trip work campers in your prayers.** Dave Anderson, Charles Ballou, Tim and Judi Elmore, Matt and Will Ferriter, Sarah Palsma, Beth Roberts, and Kit Ruland will be making home repairs.

**Celebrate a special event or remember** a special person by dedicating the sanctuary flowers. The cost is \$65. For information and to reserve a date, contact Ellen McCleskey, donations coordinator, at [e2mcc719@yahoo.com](mailto:e2mcc719@yahoo.com). August 8, 15, 22, and 29 are still available.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Summer Study: *Shaping the Sermon – A Behind-the-Scenes Look at How One Pastor Gets from the Bible Passage to What Is Preached on Sunday Morning.*** Join us on Sunday mornings, July 18, 25, and August 1, from 9 – 9:45 am. We'll discuss the Scripture passage for the day, and the preacher will share the process of how she made her way to the day's sermon, considering other perspectives on the text as well. Meets in Heritage Hall. Childcare provided.

***Becoming Calvin:*** This original play, written by Meeting House member Ann Timmons and commissioned by the Reformed Institute, debuted as a staged reading last fall. Funds are now being raised toward the goal of eventually mounting a full professional production. A wine and cheese reception and fundraiser to introduce the people and concepts behind *Becoming Calvin* will be held tomorrow, July 12, from 7-9 pm, at Geier Brown Renfrow Architects, 1029 North Royal Street, Suite 200. Levels of support start at \$50. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Ann Timmons at [becomingcalvin@earthlink.net](mailto:becomingcalvin@earthlink.net); 703-244-7546.

**Summer “Not-Quite-Beach” Reading:** If you would like to stretch your mind and faith this summer, the Reformed Institute has put together a list of recommended reading. Copies may be found on the secretary in the narthex, or in the church office.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Vacation Bible School** will be August 1-5 for children three years through rising fifth graders. Sign up using the registration form on the church website, and invite a friend or neighbor to join us for the **Praise Party!** Questions? Contact Brooks Barwell at [BrooksBarwell@gmail.com](mailto:BrooksBarwell@gmail.com).

**High Schoolers, College Students, and Youth Advisors:** Join us for a baseball game today! We will leave from the church about 12:15 pm. Cost: \$12 plus money for metro and food. Talk to Alice Tewell after the service if you are coming.

**Please keep our Middle School Massanetta group in your prayers.** Adam de Leon, Micah Golemon-Mercer, Alice Tewell, and Lea Williams will be exploring Romans 12:2 this week.